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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO MARSCYGDBN ARLINGTON VA

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

USMISSION GENEVA

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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MSGBN FRO CO; STATE FOR A/SY/FO; GENEVA FOR NCOIC AND  
SSGT HENDRIX; NICOSIA FOR RSO (MR. LEE ONLY); FRT FOR XO CO A.

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: MSG

SUBJECT: NCOIC NICOSIA, REPLACEMENT

1. AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF NCOIC MSG DET NICOSIA (SSGT WATTS) THROUGHOUT ENTIRE SEMIANNUAL INSP, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INSP 1900 21 MAY, I RELIEVED SGT WATTS FROM COMMAND. ANCOIC, SGT R. R. WEILAND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS ACTING NCOIC FOR A PERIOD EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 10 DAYS.

2. KEY NICOSIA POST OFFICIALS (ADMINO, AND RSO) WERE BRIEFED LAST NIGHT (SATURDAY). REGRET I WAS UNABLE TO REMAIN NICOSIA TO PERSONALLY BRIEF AMBASSADOR AND DCM. HOWEVER, MY DEP NICOSIA AT 0730 THIS MORNING HAD ALREADY BEEN DELAYED TWO DAYS. RSO AND ADMINO UNDERSTOOD SITUATION.

3. I HAVE TALKED TO NCOIC GENEVA AND SSGT J. P. HENDRIX (ANCOIC), BY TELCON TODAY. SSGT HENDRIX VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NICOSIA ASSIGNMENT AND WILL BE ABLE TO DEPART GENEVA NLT 27 MAY AND ARRIVE NICOSIA NLT 1 JUNE. SSGT HENDRIX RTD FROM MSG UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM 15 APRIL 78.

4. FOR INFO ALCON. SSGT HENDRIX IS A PROVEN NCOIC. IN AUG 76 HE WENT INTO BELGRADE UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS AND DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS INTERIM NCOIC AS A SGT UNTIL REL ARR BELGRADE NOV 76. PROMOTED TO SSGT JAN 76 HE IS APPROX 32 YRS OLD WITH ABOUT TEN YRS ACTIVE SERVICE

(BROKEN TIME). I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE HE CAN RESTORE MORALE/EXPRET/ PROFESSIONALISM TO NICOSIA MARINES.

5. I HAVE DIR SSGT WATTS PROCEED/REPORT TO HQ CO A ON 25 MAY FOR COMPLETION OF UNSUIT PACKAGE AND HOLD FRANKFURT UNTIL REASSIGNMENT ORDERS RECEIVED. THERE HAS BEEN NO NJP REQUIRED THIS SITUATION.

6. REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR TRANS SSGT HENDRIX FROM GENEVA TO NICOSIA TO REPORT NLT 1 JUN 77.

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